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Applicants: K. OSADA, et al.
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE
Art Unit: O. Nadav
Examiner: 2811

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement and request reconsideration and revision of the Election of Species Requirement for the reasons set forth below.

In the Office Action, nine species are listed together with a statement that currently no claims are generic. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to at least embodiments 1 and 3-8. More specifically, each of these embodiments includes the claimed features of first and second bit lines and a first word line, a memory cell having first and second inverters with the structure set forth in claim 1, including the recited well type regions and the diffusion layer having an outer shape of the diffusion layer defined by an isolation layer extending along the entirety of each of the longitudinal sides of the diffusion layer, said diffusion layer being substantially linearly symmetric relative to a line extending in a first direction

through a p-type well region, and wherein a boundary of a first p-type well region and an n-type well region extend in the first direction defined by claim 1. By virtue of the fact that each of the embodiments 1 and 3-8 contain these features, it is respectfully requested that the Election of Species Requirement be revised to indicate the generic nature of claim 1 with regard to these embodiments.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement itself, Applicants respectfully elect embodiment 6, directed to Figures 10-12, noting that claims 1, 3-7, 14, 16 and 18 can be read thereon. With regard to the embodiments 1 and 3-8 noted above as being covered by generic claim 1, it is noted that claims 1-7 and 14-18 can be read on this group of embodiments. Therefore, upon the allowance of claim 1, it is respectfully requested that claims 2-7 and 14-18 also be allowed.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout &

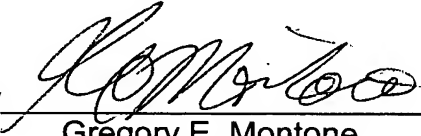
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Respectfully submitted,

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